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SUBJ: DJILAS APPLIES FOR PASSPORT

1. LAST WEEK DISSIDENT MILOVAN DJILAS APPLIED FOR A PASSPORT. AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY TOLD HIM HE WOULD HAVE A RESPONSE IN 2-3 WEEKS. HIS WIFE HAD ALREADY RECEIVED A PASSPORT LAST WEEK AFTER APPLYING FOR IT EARLIER.
2. DJILAS MET WITH TWO WESTERN JOURNALISTS LAST WEEK TO RECOUNT HOW GROUP OF CROATIAN INTELLECTUALS CONTACTED HIM WITH AIM OF STARTING CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOG WITH SERBIAN OPPOSITES. ALL TEN CROATIANS HAD BEEN PARTY MEMBERS BUT WERE INPRISONED DURING 1971 DISTURBANCES. ALL WERE RELEASED UNDER 1977 AMNESTY. CROATIANS BELIEVE INTELLECTUAL AND OTHER FORMS OF AUTONOMY, EVENTUALLY EVEN POLITICAL, WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO YUGOSLAVIA AS A WHOLE IF PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD BY THOSE WHO OPPOSE, NAMELY THE SERBS.
3. DJILAS' POLITICAL CONTACTS PROBABLY RANGE FROM INSIGNIFICANT TO NON-EXISTENT BUT HE MAY HAVE SIGNIFICANT TIES TO BELGRAGE INTELLECTUALS. HE IS SAID TO BE DISPOSED TO ASSIST THE EFFORT.
4. COMMENT: DJILAS INFORMED REPORTED OF ABOVE WITH AIM OF HAVING STORY PUBLISHED POSSIBLY BY END OF THIS WEEK. IT IS CONFIDENTIAL

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DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW INVOLVEMENT OF DJILAS COULD BE USEFUL FOR CROATION GROUP, EXPECIALLY WITH DEGREE TO WHICH DJILAS IS OFFICIALLY DISCREDITED HERE. ALSO HARD TO UNDERSTAND DJILAS' MOTIVES (UNLESS HE IS TESTING GOY), SINCE HE IS PERMITTING PUBLICATION OF STORY EVEN BEFORE HE LEARNS OF DECISION ON HIS PASSPORT APPLICATION.
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